

Appln No. 10/760,211  
Amdt. Dated June 7, 2005  
Response to Office Action of April 20, 2005

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook in view of Bobry and/or Silverbrook and Kimura or Suzuki.

In respect of this rejection, the Applicant rejects Examiner's contention that the skilled addressee would, as a matter of routine, substitute the slitting means claimed into a photographic laboratory. By the language of claim 18, the Applicant has demonstrated a very specific and patentably limiting construction of the slitting means and the Examiner has shown no prior art against the novelty or inventiveness of the construction. In the absence of any prior art against Claim 18, the Applicant contends that this claim is both novel and inventive. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite the features of claim 18, including the features of claim 17 on which claim 18 was dependent. Claims 17-19 have been subsequently deleted.

Applicant considers that the claims are novel and inventive over the cited prior art and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the claim rejections.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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